

Urgent Peace Plea Reportedly Sent to Makarios by Greece

ATHENS, Aug. 8 (UPI) — Greece today accused Turkey of creating "war complications" on Cyprus and informed sources said Premier George Papandreou appealed to Greek Cypriot President Makarios to call an immediate end to hostilities.

The Greek Cabinet and the chiefs of the Greek armed forces held emergency meetings as Turkish air force jets attacked Greek Cypriot positions on the Mediterranean island.

Qualified informants said Papandreou sent an urgent message to Archbishop Makarios appealing for peace.

"In accordance with our common agreement I appeal to you for peace," Papandreou's message reportedly said. "Hostilities must end immediately. A solution on Cyprus will be pursued by peaceful means."

In an official statement on the crisis, Papandreou said "Greece is pursuing a Cyprus solution only by peaceful means. The problem can and must be solved by peaceful means."

"Greece also declares that in case of a Turkish attack, Greece will defend, which is its right and task."

Greek Defense Minister Peter Garougalias condemned Turkish air raids as creating "the greatest danger of war complications."

"For whatever may happen, the Turkish government is responsible," the Defense Chief said.

Garougalias spoke just before presiding over a meeting of the defense chiefs and the heads of the Greek armed forces.

Foreign Minister Stavros Kostopoulos reported earlier that Greece "has taken all defense measures and her armed forces are in full prepared-



A Turkish woman weeps after hearing that her son was killed in fighting near Levgha, north of Nicosia, Cyprus. Woman

at left comforts her. The Levgha area has been the scene of heavy fighting in the last several days.

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The Greek fleet was reported deployed near Cyprus and movements of Greek troops were said to have occurred in the area of the Greek-Turkish border in Thrace.

The Turkish Ambassador to

Greece called on Kostopoulos later today and told him that Turkish air action on Cyprus was intended only to reassure the Turkish Cypriots that they were not without help.

Foreign Ministry sources

said the Ambassador stressed Turkey's peaceful intentions, but said that if the civilian population is attacked, the Turkish air force will not confine its action.

Kostopoulos replied that no civilians were hurt in the clashes of the past few days in the Mansoura region of northwest Cyprus. He asked

the Ambassador to tell his government that the Turkish air action did not contribute to the re-establishment of calm for which the Greek government was striving.

The Foreign Minister warned that if Turkey persisted in its air force activity, the have to take counter measures.